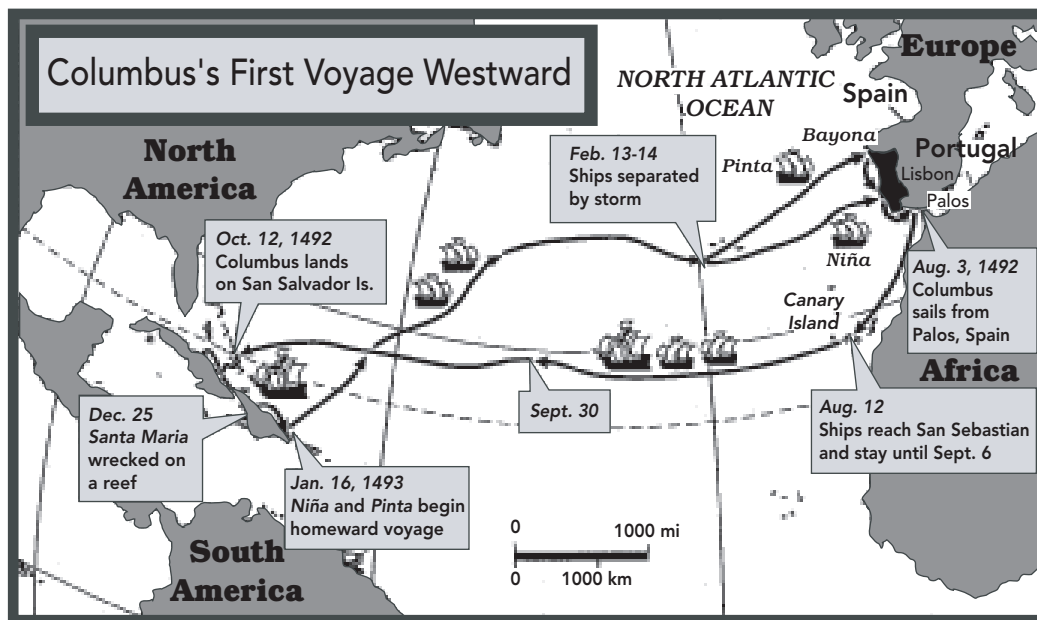


from Journal of the First Voyage to America by Christopher Columbus
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Maps can be enormously helpful when you read journals and other historical writings, particularly those that involve exploration or travel. For example, by referring to the map below as you read Columbus's journal, you can trace the route of his voyage. The visual picture that the map presents not only helps you understand the voyage but also gives you a better appreciation of the magnitude of Columbus's achievement.

DIRECTIONS: Use the map below to answer the questions that follow.



1. From which city and country did Columbus set sail westward across the Atlantic Ocean?

2. How many days did it take Columbus to reach the Canary Islands?

3. How many days did Columbus spend sailing from the Canary Islands to San Salvador Island?

4. Approximately how many miles did Columbus sail from the Canary Islands to his first landfall on October 12, 1492? Use the map's scale to calculate your answer.

5. Based on the details in this map, where in the Americas do you think the Spanish founded their next colonies after Columbus's voyages?
